

REMARKS

The present application stands with claims 5-11, 14, 19-20, 22, 24, 28-30, 32, 35 and 37-44, where claims 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are independent. The Examiner should note that claims 33-34 were previously cancelled and his listing of them as active on the last action appears to be a mistake. Applicant herein amends claims 37 and 44 for reasons discussed below.

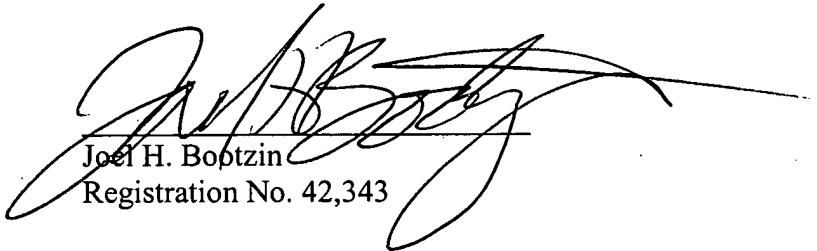
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 4-11, 14, 24, 28-33 and 38-43 are allowed as well as the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 25 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To adopt the allowable subject matter and place the claims in condition for allowance, Applicant amended claim 37 to include the features of claim 4 and amended claim 44 to include the features of claim 25. Claims 37 and 44 were also amended to improve format and readability. Claims 4 and 25 were cancelled. Thus, Applicant submits that the §102(b) rejection of claims 37 and 44 and their depending claims based on Gutter et al. (4,739,126) is now moot.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner should contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

No fee is thought to be due in conjunction with the submission of this Amendment. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick LLP, duplicate copy attached.

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